

# MARC Mid-Day Storage Facility

Washington, DC  
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## Description

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has proposed construction of a Mid-Day Storage Facility as an improvement for the Maryland Commuter Rail (MARC) system. The proposed Mid-Day Storage Facility would be used for daytime equipment layover, minor repair, daily servicing and inspections of commuter rail train sets within the Amtrak Yard at Washington, DC's Union Station. (Platforms that had been used to store these trains at Union Station are no longer available due to the introduction of high-speed Amtrak service.) MTA will lease the five-acre site owned by Amtrak.

The new facility will be used to store up to seven trainsets that service MARC's Frederick and Penn Lines, as well as for coach and pantographs inspections, and daily servicing. Local storage will preclude the operating expense of sending trains back to Baltimore for mid-day storage.

The Mid-Day Storage Facility is one of four MARC system improvements being undertaken by MTA. The project is estimated to cost \$26.6 million in escalated dollars, with a proposed Section 5309 New Starts share of \$9.9 million. Because the proposed New Starts share is less than \$25 million, the project is exempt from the New Starts criteria, and is thus not subject to FTA's evaluation and rating (49 USC 5309(e)(8)(A)).

| Summary Description                           |                           |
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| <b>Proposed Project:</b>                      | Commuter Rail Improvement |
| <b>Total Capital Cost (\$YOE):</b>            | \$ 26.6 Million           |
| <b>Section 5309 New Starts Share (\$YOE):</b> | \$ 9.9 Million (37%)      |
| <b>Annual Operating Cost:</b>                 | N/A                       |

## Status

FTA issued a Categorical Exclusion in November 1999. The project is currently in Preliminary Engineering.

TEA-21 Section 3030(a)(41) authorizes the "MARC – Commuter Rail Improvements" for Final Design and Construction. Through FY 2002, Congress has appropriated \$9.9 million in Section 5309 New Starts funds, the entire Federal share, for this effort.

**Locally Proposed Financial Plan**

| <b><u>Proposed Source of Funds</u></b>     | <b><u>Total Funding (million)</u></b> | <b><u>Percent of Total</u></b> |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Federal:</b><br>Section 5309 New Starts | \$9.9                                 | 37.2 %                         |
| <b>State:</b><br>Transportation Trust Fund | \$16.7                                | 62.8 %                         |
| <b>Total:</b>                              | <b>\$26.6</b>                         | 100.0 %                        |

**NOTE:** Funding proposal reflects assumptions made by project sponsors, and are not DOT or FTA assumptions.  
Total may not add due to rounding.

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